

**Warden Message (Jos Violence)**  
**January 27, 2010**

The following message is being issued jointly by the U.S. Embassy Abuja and U.S. Consulate General Lagos for U.S. citizens in Nigeria.

This warden message is being issued to inform U.S. citizens in Nigeria about recent incidents of violence in Plateau State. Rioting in many parts of Jos and several surrounding areas has led to significant casualties and property destruction. While current reporting indicates the violence may be subsiding, the Jos area remains tense and potentially volatile. There is also concern that these incidents may result in acts of communal violence, quickly and without notice, in other areas of Northern Nigeria.

As a result, U.S. Mission Nigeria has temporarily deferred non-essential travel of all U.S. Mission personnel to Plateau State. U.S. citizens are urged to be vigilant and take appropriate security precautions to ensure their own safety and wellbeing during this period of unrest, and to reevaluate their travel plans to and within Plateau State in light of the foregoing information.

We continue to advise all U.S. citizens to review their personal security plans, remain aware of their surroundings, monitor local news stations for updates, and report specific incidences of targeted violence to the U.S. Embassy in Abuja or the U. S. Consulate General in Lagos at the numbers below.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs internet website at <http://travel.state.gov/>, where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Alerts, and Travel Warnings can be found. Up to date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S., or, for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. Federal Holidays.)

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